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The trans-Himalayan trade which was carried out for centuries in Sikkim has been prior to exchange of culture, language and religion. It has been playing significant role in socio-economic-political transformation. The Sikkim Trade route primarily opened up the way for the exchange of goods and other important merchandise from Tibet and vice versa. This has impacted through the Tea Route road to the Sikkim. The Sikkim Trade route or Silk route was preferred by the others as early as 17th century. The narrowing of main trade routes are now avoided due to the opening of the Darjeeling route. Sikkim's trade route is positioned as a major artery of the southern trans-Himalayan trade. The book covers the history of the Sikkim Trade route from the point of silk route and its economic instrumentalism from a broad regional to a local perspective. Along with the historical development of the route, the unique topographical, cultural and landscape feature of Sikkim are also highlighted in the book along with the disappeared traditional trade routes and their impact on the interaction between trading, culture, nature and technology in the Silk Route region of Sikkim and Darjeeling. The book also highlights the flora and fauna and people, their culture, history of the region, cultural and social events, important events and personalities associated with the Silk Route. The book also chronologically through photographs of plants and mammals from past to present along with the historical development of the route along the Silk Route. From a historical perspective, this book serves as a comprehensive guide to the study of the Silk Route. The book consists of 162 pages with 102 full-page photographs in 300 dpi resolution, 102 small 10x10 mm black and white photographs of 902 taxa are given along with their local and global distribution. The book offers a good guide to students, researchers, botanists, florists, foresters, policymakers, curators, science enthusiasts and experts in the environmental.